

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

CLAIM 1 (original):

1. A method of establishing a priority call to a border switch of a wireless telecommunications network comprising the steps of:
 - identifying said priority call with an indication of a priority status;
 - transmitting said indication of said priority status to a last-seen switch of said wireless telecommunications network in which a called station of said call was most recently registered;
 - attempting to complete said call by said last-seen switch;
 - paging said called station in border switches of said last-seen switch;
 - responsive to receiving a positive response to said paging by a terminating border switch, transmitting another indication of said priority status to said terminating border switch;
 - in said terminating border switch, giving priority status to establish said call.

CLAIM 2 (original):

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of identifying said priority call comprises the step of receiving a priority indicator as part of the dialed information from a caller of said priority call.

CLAIM 3 (original):

3. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of transmitting another indication comprises the step of transmitting said another indication from said last-seen switch to said terminating border switch.

CLAIM 4 (original):

4. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of giving priority status to establish said call in said terminating border switch comprises the step of entering said call in a separate queue having preferred access to resources required to establish said call.

CLAIM 5 (original):

5. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of identifying said priority call comprises the step of verifying authorization of an originator of said priority call to place priority calls.

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CLAIM 6 (canceled)

CLAIM 7 (canceled)

CLAIM 8 (canceled)

CLAIM 9 (canceled)

CLAIM 10 (canceled)

CLAIM 11 (canceled)